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SUBJ GDR PRIMES FOR SWING CREDIT NEGOTIATIONS WITH FRG

REF: BERLIN A-78, 1974

1. REFERRING TO WEST GERMAN PRESS REPORTS TO EFFECT FRG
CONSIDERING DROPPING PRESENT IZT INTEREST-FREE SWING
CREDIT AFTER 1975 UNLESS GDR PREPARED ACCEDE TO "SPECIFIC
WISHES OF BONN REGIME," ADN ITEM IN NEUES DEUTSCHLAND (ND) AUGUST 12
THREATENED RETALIATION ON GROUNDS THAT SUCH ACTION ON
PART OF FRG WOULD BE VIEWED BY GDR AS BREACH OF GENERAL
RELATIONS TREATY.

2. WEST BERLIN PRESS IMMEDIATELY REACTED TO ADN THREAT.
MORGENPOST EDITORIAL DECLARED "WE HAVE GIVEN GDR CARROT
IN INTERZONAL TRADE. NOW WE ARE SUPPOSED TO GIVE IT
WHOLE FIELD OF CARROTS BUT IN RETURN ARE TO FEEL THE
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STICK." PRO-SPD SPANDAUER VOLKSBLATT SAID THAT IF ANY-

THING SHOULD HAVE CONSEQUENCES IT WAS GDR HARASSMENT
OF TRANSIT TRAFFIC BUT PAPER THEN WENT ON TO NOTE FRG
THREATS OF RETALIATION THROUGH REDUCTION OF IZT HAD
FAILED IN PAST TO MATERIALIZE.

3. COMMENT: OBJECTIVE OF THIS NEW EAST GERMAN DECLARA-
TION NOT CLEAR BUT IT PROBABLY CAN BE VIEWED AS EFFORT
BY GDR TO IMPROVE ITS BARGAINING POSITION IN SWING
NEGOTIATIONS, WHICH COULD BEGIN IN NEAR FUTURE (PERHAPS
AT SEPTEMBER LEIPZIG FAIR). CONSIDERING OFT-EXPRESSED
FRG POSITION ON EXTENSION OF PRESENT SWING ARRANGEMENT,
NEGOTIATIONS MIGHT REQUIRE MEANINGFUL GESTURES ON PART
OF GDR.

4. DECONTROL AUGUST 31, 1975.KLEIN

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